

## **Guidance for Submitting Comments on the draft 2016, 303(d) List of Impaired Surface Waters for New Hampshire**

### **Introduction:**

In accordance with Sections 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has prepared a list of impaired waters in New Hampshire that require a Total Maximum Daily Load study (i.e., the 303(d) List). The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for submitting comments on the draft 2016 303(d) List of Impaired Surface Waters.

### **Documents for Public Review and Comment:**

The results of the draft 2016 303(d) List of Impaired Surface Waters is available for review and comment on the NHDES website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/swqa/index.htm>. The assessment methodology used to develop this list (i.e., the draft 2016 Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology) is also available for review on this website.

- The full draft 303(d) list is available in two forms:
  - A PDF file of all 303(d) impaired waters sorted by Assessment Unit ID and
  - an EXCEL file which may be downloaded and then sorted and filtered as desired.

### **Comment Requirements:**

NHDES encourages submission of all comments. However to be considered for changes to the final 2016 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, the data or information must:

- Clearly identify the surface water(s) and geographic extent of concern,
- explicitly describe evidence for support or impairment of designated use(s), and
- include documentation of quality assurance methods used in the collection, analysis and reporting of data.

On Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 1:00-3:00 pm, NHDES will conduct a public informational meeting regarding the data used in the draft 2016 303(d). This session will be held at the NHDES office located at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord. We encourage interested parties to review the draft 2016 303(d) before this meeting. If you have a parameter or water body on which would like to see more information, please email so that we can be prepared to present about it. Comments must be submitted in writing prior to the close of business (4pm) Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. To submit written comments, please follow the instructions below.

**How to Submit Comments:**

Comments and submissions during the public comment period must be in written form to provide an accurate record of your concerns. Comments will not be accepted by phone. Written comments may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail to the appropriate address shown below.

By mail:                      2016, 303(d) Comments  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
Watershed Management Bureau  
29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95  
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095  
Attention: Ken Edwardson

By e-mail:                      [303dcomment@des.state.nh.us](mailto:303dcomment@des.state.nh.us)

By fax:                        (603) 271-7894